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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 21]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
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Prior application information: Examiner Group Art Unit:

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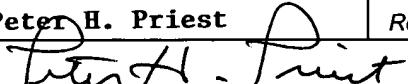
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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| Filing Date | September 21, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Bob M. Dobbins |
| Examiner Name | |
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| Attorney Docket No. | 801,0004 |

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See 37 CFR 1.27

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 105 | 130 | 205 | 65 | 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 | 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 | 195 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 | 445 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 | 695 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 | 945 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 | 155 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 | 155 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 | 135 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 | 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 | 620 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 | 620 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 | 220 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 | 300 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 | 355 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 | 355 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 | 355 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 | 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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